Name of District	Head Office		Sub Office		Extra Deptl. Sub Office		Extra Deptl. Branch Office		Total	
Jorhat	1	0	13	22	0	2	0	181	14	205
Kamrup	2	0	48	30	0	2	5	215	55	247
Karimganj	1	0	9	21	0	3	4	111	14	135
Karbianglong	1	0	3	8	0	2	0	118	4	128
Kokrajhar	1	0	2	13	0	2	0	96	3	111
Lakhimpur	1	0	2	15	0	3	2	156	5	174
Morigaon	0	0	3	6	0	2	0	87	3	95
NC Hills	0	0	4	3	0	1	2	63	6	67
Nagaon	1	0	12	25	0	0	26	216	39	241
Nalbari	1	0	9	29	0	0	0	207	10	236
Sibsagar	1	0	17	16	0	3	0	224	18	243
Sonitpur	1	0	8	39	0	6	0	160	9	205
Tinsukia	1	0	17	19	0	1	3	99	21	119
TOTAL	19	0	220	382	0	35	59	3263	298	3680

GRAND TOTAL=3978

U = Urban R = Rural

Loss of Revenue by VSNL and Data Access

4992. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ILD operators like the VSNL and Data Access are losing substantial revenue due to illegal operators terminating long distance calls as local calls through leased lines and passing them as local calls to fixed line operators;

(b) whether this process involves foxing computers to make long distance (overseas calls) look like local calls; and

(c) the extent of losses as estimated by VSNL on this account and the corrective measures contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) 54 cases of illegal termination of long distance calls have been detected since 01-01-2002 causing revenue loss.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) M/s VSNL has reported that it is difficult to estimate the loss. The Government takes suitable action including raids with the help of CBI/Police and also stepping up the surveillance and checks for stopping illegal routing of international traffic.

Teledensity

4993. DR. AKHILESH DAS :
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the teledensity for the urban and rural population in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise, indicating the teledensity growth during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken and proposed to be taken to improve the telephone services in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) The teledensity for Urban and Rural population in the country is 15.16 and 1.49 respectively, as on March, 2003. The teledensity and its growth during the last three years State-wise and Union Territory-wise is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(b) Following steps are being taken in phased manner to improve the telephone services in rural areas :

(i) Conversion of small and medium exchanges into Remote Subscriber Units (RSUs)/upgradation in main exchanges.

(ii) Conversion of CDOT 256 Rural Automatic Exchanges (RAX) into V5.2 Access Network (AN RAXs).

(iii) All analogue exchanges have been replaced by digital exchanges in rural areas.

(iv) New exchanges are opened with reliable media like optical fibre.

(v) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) systems inducted into rural network.

(vi) Replacement of life expired telephone instruments in a phased manner.